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<b>Art Unit</b>	3731
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Title and Company	Assistant Secretary, Ethicon, Inc.		

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Ethicon, Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: 7,261,723 Filed/Issue Date: August 28, 2007

Entitled: Surgical Instrument and Method For The Treatment Of Urinary Incontinence

Ethicon, Inc.,  
(Name of Assignee)a New Jersey Corporation  
(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

February 27, 2009

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